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## THE PRESIDENT HAS SOUNDED THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Has Found a Majority of Representatives Favor Reasonable Preparedness

### EIGHT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI DELEGATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

With the constant and insistent demand for preparedness on the part of the United States, which is now secondarily the most talked of and most discussed question before the people, it is especially interesting to note that President Wilson has had a quiet poll of the senators and congressmen taken and is satisfied that he can proceed with the plan advocated by Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The proposition of the war secretary, among its items, calls for an annual expenditure of \$184,000,000 for the army, an increase

they favored such increases for defense only.

#### One Opposed an Increase

Thirty-four senators sent in their replies to the question, and only one—Vardaman, Democrat, of Mississippi—expressed himself opposed to an increase in both the army and navy. John Sharp Williams, the other Mississippi senator, favors an increase in the navy but is opposed to a bigger army.

Eight Missouri congressmen sent in their answer to the questions. They all voted yes. They were Alexander



PRESIDENT WILSON

of approximately \$75,000,000. The plan in its approved form will be presented to Congress with the full backing of the administration.

Much of the increased appropriation would be devoted to coast defenses and a substantial increase in the field artillery. Details as to increases in the personnel of the army have not yet been made public. In the navy, which will ask for an increase of \$100,000,000, carries through its plan for making the total naval appropriation \$248,000,000, the appropriations for national defense, including the army's \$182,000,000, would total \$450,000,000. It is probable, however, that in final form the appropriations will not exceed \$400,000,000.

#### Poll of the Legislators

Since the question assumed such importance, the president caused a poll to be taken of all senators and congressmen, and its result shows that he will have the support of both houses in carrying out his program for a greater army and navy.

The poll was taken by mail, and it is only fair to the senators and representatives who responded to say that their votes were in the mail before the president made his public announcement to the naval advisory board that he stood for preparedness.

#### What the Men Were Asked

The question put to every senator and congressman was as follows:

"Do you favor an increase in the army and navy for defense preparedness?"

	Rep.	Dem.	Pro-T.	Rep.	Dem.	Pro-T.
Yes	85	59	2	148	10	0
No	2	16	0	12	3	0
With reservations	3	0	0	12	0	0
Noncommittal	12	9	0	22	0	0
Navy, but not army	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total members of House</b>	<b>425</b>					

#### What the Poll Shows

As showing the concurrence of opinion on the question, the following is a summary of the poll of senators and congressmen who were asked the question: "Do you favor an increase in the army and navy for defense preparedness?"

#### BUFFUM ISSUES WARNING

State Highway Commissioner Asks That Hunters and Others Do Not Deface Signs

State Highway Commissioner Frank W. Buffum has sent out a warning request which should be heeded. It speaks for itself, and is as follows:

We are having a number of complaints come into our office from off-road drivers who are erecting road and other signs stating that the signs are shot at and damaged by hunters and others.

We believe that this is oftentimes done thoughtlessly, but inasmuch as it is becoming too much of a custom, we would be pleased, if you care to do so, to have you assist in seeing that not only hunters do not shoot at signs, but ask the people to not deface the signs by throwing stones at them, and

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#### SEVERAL OF THEM IN ST. JOSEPH

A well known business man in Lawrence, Mass., once had a customer who contracted a debt that ran along unpaid for a year or more, and even several letters failed to bring about a settlement.

One day, while glancing over the religious notices in a local paper, the business man saw something that gave him a new idea. He went to his desk and wrote the following note to the debtor:

"My Dear Sir: I see in the local press that you are to deliver an address on Friday evening before the Y. M. C. A. on The Sinner's Unbalanced Account. I enclose yours, as yet unbalanced, and trust that I may have the pleasure of attending your lecture."

#### BROOKFIELD STAYED IN DAMP ATMOSPHERE

Brookfield, Mo., Oct. 13.—In a local option election held here yesterday the city went "wet" by a majority of 202, carrying every ward in the city. The fight for the "wet" side was led by The Daily Argus. Brookfield had a local option election seven years ago, when the "wet" majority was 104. Brookfield has four saloons. The license is \$2,000.

The Men and Millions workers are here raising money.

#### GALIN HILL A HYPOCRITE

Mrs. Lucille Covington Says That the Osgoodman and Peace Advocate Fooled With Her Affections

Rev. John Wesley Hill of New York, who lectured here and in Kansas City last fall on his peace propaganda, is in trouble with a woman. Rev. Hill has a wife and two children. Here is how a Detroit dispatch tells the story:

"Hypocrite." That's what Miss Lucille Covington, a pretty little woman of thirty years, with flashing eyes and a great mass of very black hair, called the Rev. John Wesley Hill, noted orator and peace advocate, in an interview here this afternoon. Her attorneys filed suit against Hill in New York yesterday, alleging breach of promise to marry and asking \$100,000 damages.

After drying herself all day to reporters who besieged her rooms at the Hotel Statler, Miss Covington finally relented and decided to tell the story of her blighted romance.

"I met Dr. Hill five years ago," she said, "and almost immediately he began his proposals of marriage. I knew he had been married before, but he told me his wife was dead."

With tears in his eyes and scarcely able to control his voice, he told me of the sad condition of his poor little, motherless children," and said he "needed me," the hypocrite.

Here Miss Covington registered ex-

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#### A CHALLENGE TO MORRIS

Robert L. Young Proposes to Show The Gazette's Editor That He Can Also Do a Little Job of Talking

To the Editor of The Observer:

Owing to the fact that Hon. Clark D. Morris has published the statement that I have no other qualifications except "hardheadedness" and "desire" to command me to the voters of the Fourth congressional district, I hereby challenge Mr. Morris to meet me in debate on the political issues of the day, at Rock Port, Marion, Quitman, Watson, Forbes, Burlington Junction, Westboro, Skidmore, Graham, Hopkings, Maryville, Bernard, Bolckow,

or any place convenient to either of us.

Frank Lee Does Not Hesitate Nor Minces Words in Putting a Blinder to Sleep

The Prairie Eagle, edited by Frank Lee, in Mississippi county, in its last issue puts at rest a very untrue and unjust charge coming from partisan opponents. Mr. Lee's Eagle stands up to be counted and gives itself as a concrete example to prove the truth of the claim that the Democratic press of the state is supporting Bosch for governor because he will be an acceptable nominee. The Eagle says:

There seems to be a sentiment prevailing among the editors of several of our Republican exchanges that in order for a Democratic newspaper to support Hon. Cornelius Bosch the paper must have been one of those who got a few hundred dollars political暮 in the form of constitutional amendments, and that the editors who were "fooled by him" are returning his compliment. This is not true. We can mention names of Democratic papers that did not receive any of the election printing, among which is The East Prairie Eagle—that is supporting Mr. Bosch because they believe that he is in the proper mold for the gubernatorial business. In spite of all criticisms and trifling accusations, Mr. Bosch has proven himself wholly off-

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#### HAWKINS GIVE TALK

Before the Ad Club He Urges Co-Operation as a Booster and Buyers Competition is a Profit-Cutter

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#### COMPOSED AND SUNG BY BILL JOHN

The Fat Oxen Roll in Easy Chairs

The Thin Guy Gets Dashed for Speeding

The Twisted Trees Are Jolly Trees

The Hot Guy Never Holdings

Forspread the news both here and far,

To fat seed and to thin seed!

At last I find a motor car!

I've (driven) in the track!

Its bumpy, make noise with so much ease

That any modern Job's

Grow green with envy when he sees

My cockroach automobile.

This phatiate as air goat!

As homophone as a camel!

A cross between a motorboat

And bathtub of enamel.

As cozy as a little clam

Dame Fortune's bound and clinched me,

Ah, 'tis the happy man I am!

A copper nearly pinched me!

Yip! That was glory dear to me!

And Time can never dim old

He said the speed I traveled (bet)

Was way above the limit!

## Mrs. Norman Galt, Who Will Soon be the First Lady of the Land



& Bass,  
TOKEN  
NDANT  
Some Main 4200  
  
BASSING